

FLOOR SINKS

Thirteen Persons Hurt at the Fair.

Great Fourth of July Celebration.

Nation's Bells to Be Rung at Once.

First Old Glory Will Be Unfurled.

CINCINNATI, June 28.—The paid admission to the world's fair today numbered 95,000.

An accident attended with many narrow escapes from death and considerable damage to anatomy, but luckily without fatality, occurred in the grounds at 6 o'clock this evening. At 5 o'clock about 200 men employed in the color department met in the second story of their building, just south of the big old stone building, to do honor to their chief, H. D. Miller, superintendent of decoration, and E. D. Allen, foreman of the shop. On a table at the north end of the room were a handsome solid silver dessert and a beautiful punch bowl and its companion pieces, it being the intention of the men to present their chief with the former and Mr. Allen with the latter piece. As the ceremonies were concluded, the men started for the narrow stairway which led to the floor below. The thin boards cracked outwardly as the men gathered at the narrow exit and several retreated to the further corners of the room. Suddenly that portion of the floor nearest the stairway gave way and landed its load of humanity and chairs and tables on the top of barrels, boxes, signs, scenery and so on, and the men fell from the floor below. The fall was not over eighteen feet, and this no doubt saved many lives.

The List of Injured.

Many of those who had taken the sudden descent, finding themselves unhurt, were on their feet again and at once lent aid to their fellow workmen, many of whom were under the mass of broken timber, chairs and other debris. After the confusion had subsided, the measure and the men extricated with some difficulty, it was found that thirteen men were in need of assistance, but it was ascertained that none had been killed. The injured men were removed to the hospital with dispatch, where it was found that only one, William Nelson, was in a serious condition. He had sustained a compound fracture of his right leg near the hip, and the doctors refuse to give out much encouragement in regard to his wounds.

The names of the other men injured are as follows: Thomas Hunt, left leg fractured; L. S. Rowland, both feet mangled; Joseph Kowalski, contusion of the right foot; John Gordon, both legs and feet contused; James Needham, right leg broken; Steve Froelich, ankle badly sprained; Philip Wiegand, left leg fractured; John Hunter, right ankle broken; Edward Emerson, right foot sprained; Rudolph Lender, injured internally and contusion of the hip; James White, left ankle badly wrenched; Arthur Courtland, both bodies bruised.

A number of the men, when the accident occurred, jumped from the stairs, down, but alighted on the soft soil, escaping unhurt. Fifty young women, employed in the same building, were witnesses of the calamity from a door leading to an adjoining room on the same floor. When the accident occurred it created a small panic, and the women rushed for the doors and windows, and it was with difficulty that they were prevailed upon to remain quiet, as the danger was over.

The Trouble With Paraguay.

In agricultural, forestry and anthropological buildings the chief attractions were the closed and draped exhibits of the South American republic of Paraguay. In official circles the grievance of General Commissioner Hasler and the method of being left to bring an apology from the executive management and assurances of future immunity from arrest was the chief topic of conversation. There was much speculation as to what the outcome would be, and how far the other representatives of foreign nations would support the Commissioner of Paraguay. Director General Davis said he had not received any letter of protest from the board of foreign commissions as a result of the crash between Paraguay and the United States, in the person of a Columbian guard. Mr. Davis, not having been officially advised that the dignity of a foreign official had been trampled upon, refused to say what he would do and what action should be taken towards restoring the friendly relations between the exposition and the little Latin American republic.

President Higinbotham was much disturbed mentally by the exposure of the case and the denunciation of the guards. He was more serene and gruff than usual and all he would say was: "I know nothing about the Commissioner from Paraguay or his complaint except what the reporters are keeping running in every few minutes tell me."

The only documents relating to the trouble are on file in the director general's office. One is a letter from Chief Walker Fourn of the foreign affairs department in relation to the matter and the other is Commissioner Hasler's letter to Chief Fourn, giving the details of his experience with the guard.

Michigan Willers Meet.

President Knickerbocker presided at the annual meeting of the Michigan Willers' association in the Wolverine state building today. Thoroughly business of interest transacted was the appointment of a committee to confer with the Michigan board of agriculture in regard to measures for the improvement of the quality of Michigan wheat. The Hon. Jeremiah Bush, secretary of agriculture, Col. Edward Williams of the government building, Chief Buchanan of agriculture, and John Boyd Thayer,

FREE SILVER NO GO

Its Adherents in Congress Are Utterly Demoralized.

EFFECT OF INDIA'S ACTION

Cleveland Follows That by September He Will Be Reduced to a Mere Worth of a Dollar Today.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Free silver is demoralized. That is the general opinion among the honest money champions here, though the president is reported to be less hopeful of the effect on congress of the closing of the mine of India. But the president and his advisers are possibly not so well informed as to the exact status of the two forces in congress. The hard-money congressmen are in a close touch with the free silver men, meeting them daily, and they declare that while the free silver men will not admit it they are, nevertheless, completely discouraged by the new phase which England's action has given to the situation.

In view of the number of somewhat conflicting reports sent out last night of the proceedings at the cabinet meeting yesterday and at the prospect of an extra session, the remarks of a cabinet minister today are of interest and value. As Cleveland Views It. He said: The situation was thoroughly discussed. The view of a great many men, as quoted in the press, that the shutting down of the India mine insures the repeal of the Sherman law, is not held by the president. He believes that the effect of the shutting down will be beneficial, but he is not so sanguine as most of the members of congress whose opinions I am quoted in the morning papers. The president has at no time believed that the repeal, even when effected, will be unconditional. But he thinks the situation demands that some concession be made. He is not assured of just what the free silver men will demand, but he hopes that they will not insist on more than the repeal of the state bank tax. The president dislikes the idea of repealing that bank tax law, but the situation is critical and something must be done.

Speculators to Blame. "How about calling an extra session earlier?" "There is not much likelihood of it. The president is deluged with letters and telegrams urging him to call the session in July on the ground that it is useless to wait longer. The president would like to do so. Were he assured that there were enough congressmen to repeal the bill he would call the extra session today. But he has no such assurance and he will not run the risk of defeat earlier than September. By that time he hopes his forces will be strong enough to secure satisfactory legislation."

Another cabinet officer, speaking of the financial situation, said today that the country had been brought to its present financial condition by the very men who were now clamoring for an extra session of congress. They had reached the end of their rope and could no longer go on. The situation, he said, was desperate, and the government had to come to their relief that they might begin to enter upon an era of speculation and speculation. There was no doubt in his mind that the repeal of the Sherman law would bring about much needed relief, whether temporary or permanent time alone could demonstrate.

Dollar Worth 57 Cents

Though no official announcement has yet been made on the subject it is found to be the almost universal opinion of members of congress now in session (many of whom have conversed with the president) that congress will be called to meet in extra session on the first Monday in September, which will be September 1.

According to treasury advisers silver continues to decline in price. London today being 34 pence per ounce, or \$0.73 of our money. This makes the silver dollar worth today as bullion 57 cents.

Uncle Sam's Opportunity.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 28.—The tremendous drop in the price of silver, bringing exchange on New York to 66 percent, has caused much discussion among Mexican bankers. They generally regard the present situation as offering a great opportunity for the United States to force bimetalism on Europe. It is suggested by one of the United States might issue a gold loan of \$500,000,000 1/4 per cent bonds, which, it is said, would be immediately taken up in Europe, where all other government securities would immediately drop heavily, and being able to compete with American bonds. Then, according to the theory, gold would flow into the United States and in a short time bimetalism would have to be adopted by Europe, and the enormous quantity of silver held by the American treasury would rise in value, the whole transaction being immensely profitable to the United States. It is said here that if nothing is done to bring about bimetalism all the silver-using countries will begin manufacturing for themselves and the United States and American treasury would rise in value, the whole transaction being immensely profitable to the United States. It is said here that if nothing is done to bring about bimetalism all the silver-using countries will begin manufacturing for themselves and the United States and American treasury would rise in value, the whole transaction being immensely profitable to the United States.

HERE IS A SCHEME

MEXICAN SUGGEST THAT WE FLOOD GOLD INTO THE SILVER.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 28.—The tremendous drop in the price of silver, bringing exchange on New York to 66 percent, has caused much discussion among Mexican bankers. They generally regard the present situation as offering a great opportunity for the United States to force bimetalism on Europe. It is suggested by one of the United States might issue a gold loan of \$500,000,000 1/4 per cent bonds, which, it is said, would be immediately taken up in Europe, where all other government securities would immediately drop heavily, and being able to compete with American bonds. Then, according to the theory, gold would flow into the United States and in a short space of time bimetalism would have to be adopted by Europe, and the enormous quantity of silver held by the American treasury would rise in value, the whole transaction being immensely profitable to the United States.

NERVE OF A COWBOY

He Attempts to Hold Up a Passenger Train in Texas.

AFTER KILLING A FIREMAN

And Being Deserted by His Companion, the Conductor Chase and Captured Him.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 28.—The bold attempt of a train robbery that occurred in Texas took place this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock near the village of Brackbridge, in Wilson county, thirty-five miles south of this city. The train held up was the San Antonio and Aransas Pass passenger No. 2, leaving here at 1:20 p. m. The affair resulted in the killing of F. W. Martin, the fireman, and the capture of one of the robbers, who gives his name as J. D. May, a cowboy. The train consisted of three day coaches, express car and combination baggage and mail car. At Brackbridge the train stopped to take water and when it pulled out three men boarded the blind baggage without being seen. The train had just entered a sharp curve a few hundred yards from the tank when the robbers, May, climbed upon the tender and with a .45-caliber pistol in each hand ordered Engineer Tierney and Fireman Martin to throw up their hands. Tierney did so, but Martin made a move as though he was about to secure a revolver from a box under his seat.

Killed the Fireman. The robber then emptied a six shooter into Martin, keeping Tierney covered with the other pistol. Martin's body fell out of the baggage car platform. The passengers rushed upon the platform and the train continued on its way. The robber May made a last desperate effort to capture the train himself, ordering the engineer to run the train across Indian river bridge. Instead of complying he put on the air brakes. The robber threw the throttle valve wide open, but the train would not move, and he jumped and started up the track on a run. Conductor Ed Jones jumped into the cab and cut loose from the train, pursuing the fleeing man. When overtake May ran into the bush with Steele after him. The conductor captured him, however, and will receive \$1,000 reward. May refuses to talk. The United States marshal and police are in pursuit of the remaining robbers.

WOMAN CAUSES A QUARREL.

One Rival for Her Attention Shoots the Other at Marshalltown, Iowa.

MARSHALSTOWN, Iowa, June 28.—Late Tuesday night W. C. Ralls, a money lender and real estate agent, was walking along a side street near Mitchell & Brown's store when C. J. Welch came running toward him in the dark, struck him in the face, and told him he was going to do him up. Ralls whipped out a revolver and fired two shots, the first flying wide of the mark and the second striking his assailant in the left shoulder, glancing downward and penetrating the lung. He walked a short distance and called for help and was carried to the room of the woman who was the cause of the shooting. It appeared that both men have been seeking this woman's favor. A short time ago an article appeared in a Chicago publication, signed by Welch, in which he accused Ralls of writing it. Ralls gave himself up at once, and is now in jail. Welch is now lying at the point of death and his wife is taking care of him.

DEAD IN HIS CAR.

Engineer Craig Drops Dead While the Train Thunders On.

PHILADELPHIA, June 28.—While an extra freight train on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad was rushing along, speeded twenty-five miles an hour last evening, the only hand upon the locomotive throttle was that of a corpse—Ebenzer Craig, the engineer. The train was pulled by locomotive No. 103. It came thundering north from Wilmington at 5:10 o'clock. At Edgemoor, where only two miles this side of the Delaware metropolis, the train stopped and several cars were attached to it. Engineer Craig, who was a man of 45 years and a veteran of the track, did not leave his cab, but he talked to Fireman Bainbridge. When the locomotive again gained speed the head of the engineer dropped forward, his face was white under the soot and smoke and his hand clutched the familiar lever, but it was not controlled by the alert brain. The engineer had quietly expired. The fireman did not discover this until the train rushed through Chester and nearly killed a number of people at the station. He took hold of Craig then and found he was dead. Then he stopped the train.

CAPTURED THE CASHIER.

Baring Attempt at a Bank Robbery at Lamar, Missouri.

LAMAR, Mo., June 28.—Two men went to the house of William Brasher, cashier of the Horton bank at Jericho, in Cedar county, last night at 11 o'clock, called him to the door, captured him at the muzzle of a revolver, and carried him to a room with them to the bank. There two other men joined them. Brasher was compelled to open the bank, the doors to the vault and the outer doors to the safe. The inner door was made secure with a time lock, but Brasher was threatened with instant death if he did not open it. He explained that he could not, and two of the men took the cashier a half mile out of town, while the other two remained in possession of the bank. They held it for four hours and when they left looked all the doors. The safe contained \$14,200. Whether the robbers got it is not known, as the officials had not been able to open it at last accounts.

Wanted to Lurch the Policeman.

St. Louis, June 28.—Police Officer Christopher J. Verducci, recently captured a burglar Tuesday night by a crowd of citizens who were horrified and incensed

DOWN A SHAFT

Benjamin Bolles' Terrible Fall.

He Walks Into an Elevator Shaft.

His Head Striking on a Cruel Stone.

Driving the Bones Into His Brain.

BENJAMIN BOLLES, a treasurer, fell down the elevator shaft of the Valley City Hotel and today is lying in a hospital, where he is on North Front street, at 209 last night, and received injuries from which he will probably die.

The elevator shaft was entirely unguarded, and any person walking through the building might have walked into the pit. The night watchman, Fred Cuddeback, was talking with Bolles a few moments after 9 o'clock and left him to make his rounds. On his return Cuddeback heard a groan in the elevator shaft, and descending to the basement, found Bolles lying on the bottom of the shaft pit.

Cuddeback says that when he left Bolles a short time before the latter asked where the clock was to be and he thinks Bolles had started to fix it in the dark and fell into the shaft without warning of his danger. Cuddeback called the ambulance and the injured man was taken to his home, No. 84 Court street. Several doctors were called to attend him and it was found that his skull was terribly crushed over the right eye. The frontal bone was crushed for a space of two or three square inches and his brain was exposed. After washing away the blood and bandaging his head he was taken to St. Mark's hospital. The doctors think his chances for recovery are doubtful, as pieces of the broken bone were driven into the brain.

Mr. Bolles talked incoherently after he was taken to his home and several times spoke of being pushed into the shaft, but it was impossible to tell from what he said whether it was simply the ravings of a delirious brain or whether he was really pushed into the shaft. The distance he fell was not more than fifteen feet, but his head struck the stone foundation at the bottom.

The neighbors say that Mr. Bolles was a very industrious man, was always at work and was respected in his neighborhood. He has a wife and nine children, several of whom are old enough to partly care for themselves, but there are also several small children. He was 49 years old and has no property excepting his household goods.

MICHIGAN MAY LOSE.

Force Demitil Bought Overboard From a Yacht on the Lake.

CINCINNATI, June 28.—Peter Demitil, owner of large glass works at Alpena, Michigan, was drowned in the lake last night. In company with a party of friends he was sailing a yacht. A sudden gust of wind carried the little vessel overboard, and his footing and fell headlong into the water. After several servers were thrown to him by his friends, but the man sank before he could reach them. A search for the body was begun, but so far has been fruitless. Besides Mr. Demitil the yacht party contained F. W. Job, E. D. Demsey, Captain E. Edwards and Alexander Dunham. All were strangers in the city and had spent the day at the fair. Mr. Demitil was quite wealthy.

ALUMNI DAY AT ANN ARBOR.

Solicitor General Maxwell Makes a Speech on Jurisprudence.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 28.—Today was alumni day, high exercises of commencement, and was devoted entirely to graduates. The law, medical, dental and literary alumni all had separately attended business sessions. The only event of interest was the address before the law alumni by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., solicitor general of the United States. He was introduced by Judge Thomas M. Cooley and his address was upon the importance of the study of jurisprudence. This evening the commencement concert was given and a reception tendered by the university to graduates, former students and friends of the university.

Can't Get a Jury.

ALPENA, Mich., June 28.—Twenty-four extra jurors have been drawn twice for the trial of Fahrenman, charged with complicity in the Molitor murder, and still the attorneys are not satisfied. Judge Kelley has ordered forty-eight more. If a jury cannot be secured out of the last pool the case will be transferred to another county.

Demits Man Drowned.

CINCINNATI, June 28.—The corpse of a well-dressed man was found floating in Lake Michigan at Division street this morning. It had in its possession a watch, a pocket knife, a cigar case, a pipe and a small bag. The man was identified as E. W. Williams, a prominent citizen of Chicago, who was on his way to the city of Chicago to attend the fair.

Three Deaths From Cholera.

PARIS, June 28.—Two persons died of cholera today in Toulon and one in Marseilles.

Villard to Retire.

NEW YORK, June 28.—The Commercial Advertiser announces that Henry Villard intends to withdraw from all business and retire from active life.

DOWN A SHAFT

Benjamin Bolles' Terrible Fall.

He Walks Into an Elevator Shaft.

His Head Striking on a Cruel Stone.

Driving the Bones Into His Brain.

BENJAMIN BOLLES, a treasurer, fell down the elevator shaft of the Valley City Hotel and today is lying in a hospital, where he is on North Front street, at 209 last night, and received injuries from which he will probably die.

The elevator shaft was entirely unguarded, and any person walking through the building might have walked into the pit. The night watchman, Fred Cuddeback, was talking with Bolles a few moments after 9 o'clock and left him to make his rounds. On his return Cuddeback heard a groan in the elevator shaft, and descending to the basement, found Bolles lying on the bottom of the shaft pit.

Cuddeback says that when he left Bolles a short time before the latter asked where the clock was to be and he thinks Bolles had started to fix it in the dark and fell into the shaft without warning of his danger. Cuddeback called the ambulance and the injured man was taken to his home, No. 84 Court street. Several doctors were called to attend him and it was found that his skull was terribly crushed over the right eye. The frontal bone was crushed for a space of two or three square inches and his brain was exposed. After washing away the blood and bandaging his head he was taken to St. Mark's hospital. The doctors think his chances for recovery are doubtful, as pieces of the broken bone were driven into the brain.

Mr. Bolles talked incoherently after he was taken to his home and several times spoke of being pushed into the shaft, but it was impossible to tell from what he said whether it was simply the ravings of a delirious brain or whether he was really pushed into the shaft. The distance he fell was not more than fifteen feet, but his head struck the stone foundation at the bottom.

The neighbors say that Mr. Bolles was a very industrious man, was always at work and was respected in his neighborhood. He has a wife and nine children, several of whom are old enough to partly care for themselves, but there are also several small children. He was 49 years old and has no property excepting his household goods.

MICHIGAN MAY LOSE.

Force Demitil Bought Overboard From a Yacht on the Lake.

CINCINNATI, June 28.—Peter Demitil, owner of large glass works at Alpena, Michigan, was drowned in the lake last night. In company with a party of friends he was sailing a yacht. A sudden gust of wind carried the little vessel overboard, and his footing and fell headlong into the water. After several servers were thrown to him by his friends, but the man sank before he could reach them. A search for the body was begun, but so far has been fruitless. Besides Mr. Demitil the yacht party contained F. W. Job, E. D. Demsey, Captain E. Edwards and Alexander Dunham. All were strangers in the city and had spent the day at the fair. Mr. Demitil was quite wealthy.

ALUMNI DAY AT ANN ARBOR.

Solicitor General Maxwell Makes a Speech on Jurisprudence.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 28.—Today was alumni day, high exercises of commencement, and was devoted entirely to graduates. The law, medical, dental and literary alumni all had separately attended business sessions. The only event of interest was the address before the law alumni by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., solicitor general of the United States. He was introduced by Judge Thomas M. Cooley and his address was upon the importance of the study of jurisprudence. This evening the commencement concert was given and a reception tendered by the university to graduates, former students and friends of the university.

Can't Get a Jury.

ALPENA, Mich., June 28.—Twenty-four extra jurors have been drawn twice for the trial of Fahrenman, charged with complicity in the Molitor murder, and still the attorneys are not satisfied. Judge Kelley has ordered forty-eight more. If a jury cannot be secured out of the last pool the case will be transferred to another county.

Demits Man Drowned.

CINCINNATI, June 28.—The corpse of a well-dressed man was found floating in Lake Michigan at Division street this morning. It had in its possession a watch, a pocket knife, a cigar case, a pipe and a small bag. The man was identified as E. W. Williams, a prominent citizen of Chicago, who was on his way to the city of Chicago to attend the fair.

Three Deaths From Cholera.

PARIS, June 28.—Two persons died of cholera today in Toulon and one in Marseilles.

Villard to Retire.

NEW YORK, June 28.—The Commercial Advertiser announces that Henry Villard intends to withdraw from all business and retire from active life.